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: Proposed Revision of the IAB : : : : : : Standard Equipment List www.iab.gov



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SEL Revision Objectives

- Provide additional detail to enable response organizations to make better decisions
- Link standards to specific equipment items
- Establish process to list equipment compliant with specified standards

Proposed Organization

- Part 1 - Protective ensembles by discipline
- Part 2 - Ensemble / equipment matrix
- Part 3 - Minimum equipment standards
- Part 4 - Equipment meeting standards
- Part 5 - Recommended references
- Part 6 - Operational equipment

Part 1 - Protective Ensembles

- Establish separate ensembles for law enforcement, fire service, hazardous materials teams, and EMS/prehospital
- Define specific use of ensembles
- Identify hazards for which ensembles provide protection to responder

Part 2 - Equipment Matrix

- Create list of equipment items that should/could be used in ensembles
- Indicate which equipment items are used in specific ensembles
- Provide options for different ensemble configurations to provide flexibility for response organization

Part 3 - Equipment Standards

- Identify specific minimum standards and requirements for each equipment item
- Provide supplemental criteria or standards where appropriate
- Determine gaps in equipment standards
 - Include interim guidance
 - Set minimum design/performance criteria

Part 4 - Compliant Equipment

- Provide separate listing of compliant products for each equipment item
- Indicate minimum applicable standards and requirements
- Specifically identify compliant products by manufacturer, model or style name
- Include comparative features outside requirements for product comparison

Part 5 - References

- List current references from 2001 SEL
- Provide additional information
 - Author(s)
 - Publisher
 - Publisher location
 - Edition
 - Number of pages

Part 6 - Operational Equipment

- Separately list other equipment for operations
- Provide list of standards or salient characteristics
- Decide whether to apply specific standards
- Decide whether to list compliant equipment

Action Items

- Agree on types of ensembles by type of response organization
- Determine minimum items needed for each ensemble
- Decide on which items are optional and when choices should be provided for similar protective equipment
- Complete ensemble equipment matrix

Action Items (continued)

- Determine where additional standards are needed
- Provide provisional criteria in absence of existing standards
- Develop lists of comparative features for each type of equipment item
- Establish process by which manufacturers can be listed

Action Items (continued)

- Obtain detail information for references
- Determine how operational equipment is to be listed
 - Salient characteristics only
 - Minimum standards and requirements
 - Specific listing of compliant equipment
- Have more complete draft ready by September IAB meeting